

## **Comments on 2016 election**

Thanks for coming here-

I want to announce that I will not be a candidate for County Commission Chair in 2016

Not a funeral, not sick, not mad, not concerned about past or future prospects- Simply want to

1. Spend more time with wife, children- Charise- 36 yrs of marriage- Very little time with her-  
Want to spend more time and work in more travel, visits to children
2. Focus more on law practice
3. Not be rushed

3 measures of success

- Did you keep promises, meet your expectations and goals
- Did you leave position and County in better shape than start
- Were you honest, nice, and fair to staff, constituents, other elected officials along the way?

20 yrs ago, ran on platform- **SLIDE**

1996 tax rate was 73 cents

Most of regs on growth, development came from NC

Campaign for this election and all others

- ✓ Quality public education
  - \$254M in new construction, new schools
  - 11 new primary schools- Many older schools completely renovated
  - Teacher supplements every year
  - Great relationship with Superintendents- Drs. Baldwin
- ✓ Effective government
  - AAA bond rating- interest rates ~ 4%- unheard of for government
  - Lowest urban tax rate **SLIDE**
  - 73 cents now 60 cents
  - \$693M of new construction, reduction of any rent by County
  - Explosion of new jobs- 6000 new jobs and \$1B investment just in last 5 yrs
- ✓ Environmental laws to protect mts
  - Steep Slope, ridge top
  - Zoning with BRP overlay
  - Erosion, sedimentation, cell tower, retaining walls,
  - Best landfill- Permanent
  - Conservation easement- Nearly 6,000 acres we have been involved with

**HANDOUT**- What I feel was progress by County and my Top 10 proudest changes the Commission made during last 20 yr

THANKS

Wife, Charise- Kids- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade when I started this

Understood my passion to serve, but still took a lot of time away from them

Other Commissioners

Sobol

Young

Stanley

Keever

Ramsey

Peterson  
Bailey  
Jones  
King  
Jones  
Frost  
Newman  
Belcher  
DeBruhl  
Fryar

WANDA GREENE- Best manager in US- Just let her work, coordinate and plan

Senior staff  
Creighton  
Stone  
VeHahn  
Thornberry  
Israel

ATTYs- Keith Snyder, Joe Conley, Stan Clontz, Mike Frue, Curtis Euler, Bob Deutsch

Media- Generally fair and willing to get both sides- Spankings generally deserved or understandable

Honor to serve, intent to complete term and stay involved after 2016 election, different role

Introduce some friends